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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
Hideyuki IJIRI, et al. :  
Serial No.: : Group Art Unit:  
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For: METHODS OF MAKING PREFORM AND OPTICAL FIBER

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-referenced Application, please amend  
the Application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At page 1, line 6, after the word "pending", please insert the following:

--, which in turn claims the benefit of Japanese Patent Application No. P1998-  
308678, filed October 29, 1998, the disclosures of which Applications are incorporated by  
reference herein. The benefit of the filing and priority dates of the International and  
Japanese Applications is respectfully requested--

**Serial No.:**

REMARKS

Entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

Appended hereto as Appendix A is a clean copy of the paragraph of the specification affected by the present Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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## APPENDIX A

This is a Continuation-In-Part application of International Patent application serial No. PCT/JP99/06046 filed on October 29, 1999, now pending, which in turn claims the benefit of Japanese Patent Application No. P1998-308678, filed October 29, 1998, the disclosures of which Applications are incorporated by reference herein. The benefit of the filing and priority dates of the International and Japanese Applications is respectfully requested.